

# SALINE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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### **OFFICERS**

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# **MINUTES**

of the

# Saline Baptist Association

Containing
The Proceedings of the Seventy-Fourth Session
Seventy-Seventh Year

Held With

Malvern Second Church, Malvern, Arkansas
October 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 1913

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# Next Session

To Convene with Fairplay Church, in Saline County, four miles south of Lott Station, on the Hot Springs Western railroad, and six miles north of Traskwood on the Iron Mountain R. R., on Thursday at 7:30 p.m., before the first Sunday in October, 1914, Eld. A. Tucker to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. O. C. Robinson, alternate.

N. B.—You are earnestly requested to read the proceedings in this minute, especially the reports of committees. There is something important in them for your special consideration.

# PROGRAM AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

# THURSDAY NIGHT AT 7:30

Introductory sermon.

# FRIDAY MORNING AT 8:30

Devotional service. 9:00 o'clock. Call for letters from the churches. Appoint committee to read letters. Appoint committee on divine service. After letters are read and messengers enrolled. Organize.

# FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Renew call for letters. Call for petitionary letters. Invite visiting brethren and corresponding messengers to seats. Announce the usual committees. Call for report on divine service.

# SATURDAY FORENOON SESSION

Devotional service at 8:30.

Call for the reading of minutes.

Call roll of messengers and mark names of absentees.

Call for reports of committees, treasurer's report and report of missionary work.

Call for resolutions, and miscellaneous business. Adjournment.

# **PROCEEDINGS**

Thursday at 7:30 p. m., October 2, 1913, the Saline Association met with Malvern Second Church in devotional services. Eld. S. F. Funk preached the introductory sermon to a large and attentive audience, and as moderator appointed the messengers of the First and Second Baptist Churches as a committee on divine service to act during the session of this body.

# FRIDAY FORENOON SESSION

The Association was called to order at 9:00 a.m., by the moderator. He then read a part of the 26th chapter of Mathew, and Eld. R. F. Russell led in prayer. J. C. Ross, F. C. Sims and A. T. Moody were appointed to read the letters from the churches. The letters were called for and read, showing a representation as follows:

Antioch—Represented by letter.

Big Creek—G. L. Robinson, W. W. Morrison, A. C. Wheat.

Bismark—G. R. Diffie, W. B. Hardage, D. W. Diffie. Bellview—O. C. Robinson, Oscar Robinson, Willie Burgess.

Brush Creek—W. M. Lee, J. D. Stiles, W. F. Brashears.

Caney-John R. Bray.

Center Hill—W. H. Moore, C. P. Cain. Corinth—Elsworth Rowe, Della Smith.

Damascus-W. H. Fitzhugh, S. H. Masters.

Deroche—M. A. Montgomery, D. R. Montgomery, Jno. Allen.

Fairplay-W. K. Johnson.

Franceway-T. J. Silvers, J. A. Denny, M. J. Cooper.

Friendship-R. T. Foreman, J. L. Fowler.

Foucheluke-R. Lumpkins.

Happy Home—John Ashley.

Hot Springs, First Church—C. F. J. Tate, A. T. Moody. Hickory Grove—J. N. Thornton, M. E. McCowen.

Landmark—Jim Fuester, Fred Harkins.

Lono-C. F. Walters.

Lonsdale—A. Tucker.

Magnet Cove—J. A. Verser, R. F. Orr, J. W. York. Malvern, First Church—J. C. Ross, D. D. Glover, F. C.

Sims.

Midway—R. F. Russell, J. M. Montgomery. Mount Harmony—W. H. Bettis, C. Hodges.

New Hope No. 2-L. C. Thomas.

Nebo-J. G. Rice.

North Fork—Represented by letter.

Oak Grove—J. M. Tarvin, William Tarvin, Clarence Williams.

Ouachita—Chas. F. Berry, N. D. Jones, W. A. Hammonds.

Pleasant Valley-W. T. Rutherford.

Pleasant Hill—J. S. Lemons.

Red Oak-A. C. Files.

Reyburn Creek—L. S. Batchelor, Frank Gage, Will Westerman.

Saline—L. L. Newcomb, Fred Newcomb, H. T. Watts. Smith Creek—H. M. Warford, J. H. Rigsby, E. L. Grant.

Sulphur Springs-Jerry L. Mann.

Taylors Chapel—J. J. Thompson, W. A. Bledsoe, Toby Bridges.

Ten Mile—S. F. Funk, A. B. Shockley.

Traskwood—L. Brown, A. J. Hill, B. F. Landreth.

Unity—Harmon Taylor.

Valley—W. T. Shuffield.

Forty-one churches represented by eighty-two messengers.

It now being in order for the election of officers for the next ensuing year, nominations were made, and a ballot taken, resulting in the election of Eld. O. C. Robinson as moderator, and A. B. Shockley as clerk and treasurer. It now lacking only a few minutes till the preaching hour at 11:00 a. m., the body adjourned to meet in business session at 2:00 p. m.

Reassembled at 11:00 a.m. for preaching, Eld. J. E. Newman, of Little Rock, read fifteen verses of the 8th chapter of Mathew, led in prayer and preached an

interesting sermon on the subject of prayer. The Committee on Divine Service reported that Eld. John T. Walters would preach at the First Church at 7:00 p. m., and that Eld. J. A. Smith would preach the same hour at the Second Church.

# FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

At 2:00 p. m. the moderator called the house to order, and Bro. H. M. Warford led in prayer. A motion carried instructing the clerk to publish that part of the letters under the head of remarks, from the churches. We find but few churches writing anything under the head of remarks, but we hope that in the future our churches will look after this matter, as it is of interest to the Association to know how the churches are getting along.

Reports from the churches are as follows:

ANTIOCH—Our pastor has been with us six times

during the year.

FRIENDSHIP—We are greatly revived, and have pledged ourselves to God, and to each other, to do more in the future for His cause, than we have in the past. Pray for us.

LANDMARK (Also called Malvern 2nd Church)— Brethren you are guests of this and the First Church, the invitation is extended by both churches, we wish you a pleasant and harmonious meeting, and hope you will feel welcome.

LONO—We are in a fairly prosperous condition. There is no division of importance among us, we are as a whole, of one mind, and faith.

LONSDALE—Our pastor, Rev. J. T. Kelley, resigned in August, only serving us five months. Pray for us.

MAGNET COVE—We have had the service of Eld. N. D. Jones as our pastor this year. He held for us a two weeks' revival meeting, which resulted in nine additions to our church, by baptism. Eld. A. Tucker, and Henry Ross assisted in the meeting.

MALVERN, FIRST CHURCH—We have a larger membership than ever before reported, and feel that we are doing good work. We need your prayers.

MOUNT HARMONY—Brethren we ask the pray-

ers of your body, as we feel that we are in a cool or lukewarm condition.

NORTH FORK—We hereby pledge \$5.00 for Associational Missions.

OAK GROVE—We have a good spiritual prayer meeting every Wednesday night, full of interest and devotion.

OUACHITA—We have had Sunday school about six months this year.

RED OAK—We have had a good revival meeting and the church is greatly revived, and strong in the faith. Brethren pray for us.

SALINE—We ask your prayers that we may do more in the Lords service in future, than we have in the past.

SMITH CREEK—Pray for us brethren, that we may work more earnestly for the up-building of the cause of Christ.

TEN MILE—We have had no Sunday school for two months, but we expect to reorganize in the near future, as we realize the need of a Sunday school in every church. Our church has prospered under the pastoral care of our faithful pastor, Eld. O. C. Robinson.

We hope that next year every church will report. Visiting brethren were now recognized and welcomed, namely as follows:

Eld. E. J. A. McKinney, of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Representing "The Baptist Advance."

Eld. J. E. Newman, of Little Rock, Arkansas. Representing "The Baptist."

Eld. A. P. Scofield, of Little Rock, representing the

Preachers Library Builders.

Eld. J. A. Smith, of Little Rock, missionary of the State Association of Baptist Churches.

Eld. John T. Walters, visitor from Dardanelle As-

sociation.

Judge W. H. Evans and Eld. W. R. McEwen, of Benton, visitors from Pine Bluff Association.

Eld. J. V. Vermillion, representing the Union Bap-

tist High School of Badcaw, Arkansas.

Eld. J. S. Compere, representing Ministerial Education, Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

The clerk announced the usual committees, and a motion carried to discuss the question of religious literature, and speeches limited to ten minutes. Several very interesting speeches were made on this subject.

Eld. E. J. A. McKinney made a stirring speech and made some good points in arguing that more of our people should take and read our religious papers, and that our children should be encouraged to read more religious books and good literature. We should put good books and literature in their hands, and encourage them to read, for how can you interest any one in things they know nothing about.

Eld. J. E. Newman said our people should more willingly support, and read, our religious papers. The editing of a religious paper is not a money making business, there has never been a religious paper, so far as I know, that has existed entirely on its subscription

list.

Eld. H. P. Scofield said he was endeavoring to furnish our preachers with good libraries free, in order to encourage them to read more, and equip themselves to better defend our doctrine, and the cause of Christ.

Eld. A. Tucker made an interesting talk, and said, we should encourage our religious editors by taking and reading their papers. They are doing a good work.

Eld. W. R. McEwen made a splendid talk, and said, "Our young people are going to read something, and we owe it to them to place good literature in their hands."

Bro. J. A. Verser spoke about Miss Elizabeth Merriam, of Farmington, Mass., spending a great deal of money in distributing the Bible, in tract form in order to make it more convenient to read the scriptures, and to encourage our young people in reading the Bible.

Eld. S. F. Funk said, that the editors of our religious papers would do much more good, if they did not spat each other so much, when our editors, and big fellows fall out, and call each other hard names, how can us little fellows be expected to keep quiet if we read after them, we are sure to take sides, and then we fall out and spat too.

W. K. Johnson said, "The hard things said through our papers has caused our people to become discouraged, and disgusted, and they have almost quit giving to the support of Foreign, Home and State Missions, and there is but little interest being manifested in our Associational Missions. At this juncture Eld. McKinney said, "Us editors have quit personalities, we are publishing our papers for the cause of Christ, and have cut out the fight that was carried on by our religious press a few years ago.

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Eld. A. Tucker said, "We should not cut out criticism, but we should steer clear of personalities. If you can't say a thing in the right spirit, don't say it at all,

until you get in the right spirit to say it."

Brethren A. C. Files, A. T. Moody, O. C. Robinson,

and C. F. J. Tate made good talks on this line.

On motion J. C. Ross and A. B. Shockley were elected to attend Pine Bluff Association, as corresponding messengers, and the clerk was instructed to write letters to Judson and Caroline Associations.

It now being about 5:00 p. m., Eld. A. Tucker led

in prayer, and we adjourned till 7:30 p. m.

# FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

Good congregations assembled at the First and Second Churches at 7:30 p. m. Eld. John T. Walters preached at the First Church. Text, John 6:35, "And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

Eld. J. A. Smith preached at the Second Church.

Subject, "We are witnesses for Christ."

The Committee on Divine Services announced that Eld. C. F. J. Tate would preach at 11:00 a. m., Saturday.

# SATURDAY FORENOON SESSION

Reassembled at 9:00 o'clock. The moderator appointed Eld. N. D. Jones to lead in a few minutes of devotional service, Bro. Jones made a good talk, and led in prayer.

Bro. L. M. Goza was welcomed as a visitor from

Judson Association.

On motion Elders W. L. Compere, and J. V. Vermillion were given fifteen minutes each, to present the claims of Ministerial education.

Eld. Vermillion spoke very forcibly in favor of

Christian education, and the good work being done at

Union Baptist High School.

Eld. Compere made an enthusiastic speech in favor of Ministerial Education, and said, "God is on the side of the very highest learning. No college can make a preacher, but the college can develop him. Its no matter how good the metal is in an ax, it will not cut very well until you put it to the grind-stone. No other set of men on earth have so great a task to perform, and so great a responsibility resting on them, as our preachers. The great heresies cropping out on every hand, demand preachers of trained ability to meet them. We need funds to carry on the work of educating our young ministers. I don't know why it is so, but it seems that God always calls poor boys to preach His gospel. There don't seem to be any calls to rich men to preach. It may be that riches dull the hearing. These poor boys who are called need help.

Elders S. F. Funk and A. Tucker also spoke in

favor of an educated ministry.

A recess of ten minutes was taken to meet at

11:00 a. m. for preaching.

Assembled at 11:00 a. m., Eld. C. F. J. Tate preached a very interesting sermon. Subject, "The unsearchable riches of Christ." The Committee on Divine Services announced that at 7:30 p. m., there would be preaching at the First Church, by Eld. O. C. Robinson, and at the Second Church, by Eld. J. V. Vermillion, and at the First Church Sunday at 11:00 a. m., by Eld. Tate, and at the Second Church, same hour, by Eld. Robinson.

# SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Met at two p. m. The moderator called for the reading of the Missionaries report, and the report of Eld. C. C. Warnock was read by the clerk. And a motion carried to refer the report to a committee of five, to be appointed by the moderator. He at once appointed the following named brethren to serve on this committee: A. B. Shockley, W. K. Johnson, W. D. Robinson, J. D. Houpt and H. M. Warford.

It was made the duty of the committee to meet and confer with Bro. Warnock, and get a full report from him, as to where he had worked as missionary, number of miles traveled, number of sermons preached, number of baptisms, etc. It is the sentiment of our churches, and has been the instructions of our association, that our missionaries labor in the real destitute parts within our bounds and not with churches that have pastors, or with churches able to employ pastors. The committee is to meet at Ten Mile church, November 29th, 1913.

Eld. S. Funk submitted his report as missionary, which was on motion adopted as follows:

Dear Brethren: As one of your missionaries, elected at the last session of this Association, I beg leave to submit the following as my report. I traveled sixty-seven miles, preached ten sermons, put in fourteen days, helped to ordain one preacher, and received on the field \$6.50. I have not been physically able to labor in the field as missionary, but the work I bave done has been one of the hardest fights of my life against heresy, that has sprung up among us. Respectfully submitted.

S. F. FUNK.

### ORPHANS' HOME

Report read and adopted.

Our Home at Texarkana is looked after by Bro. and Sister Cabaniss. There are 30 children in the Home. Eight boys and twenty-two girls. They have been sent to school this year and they have had good health. Sister Cabaniss needs the assistance of a good matron. We own ten acres of ground on which the Home stands, and they have cultivated part of it and raised some potatoes, and other garden crops. have a few cows, and hogs, that are some help in supporting these children, hut we owe \$1,800 on this Home, and it is due next January. This is the last note held against us. This property is worth \$12,000. We therefore ask that the messengers to this body take up this matter with their churches, and take collections to help pay off this last note. Send the amounts collected to Eld. J. W. Sims, Marvel, Ark., who is the treasurer of the Home. We ask that a collection be taken at this meeting to help pay off this note. Respectfully submitted.

J. A. VERSER, HARMON TAYLOR, ELSWORTH ROWE, Committee.

A public collection was taken for the Orphans' Home, and turned over to J. A. Verser.

# OBITUARIES

Report adopted as follows:

We find from the letters sent up that the churches report the following deaths since our last meeting:

Sulpher Springs-Bro. G. W. Pearson.

Ouachita—Bro. Riley Presley. Unity—Sister Roxie Nethercutt.

Hickory Grove-Bro. Delter L. Hardin.

North Fork—Bro. Isaac Sarver. Pleasant Hill—Sister G. Lemons. Smith Creek—Bro. M. K. Evans. Lono—Sister Nettie Cornell.

Reyburn Creek—Sister Lillie Roark, and Bro.

Thomas Spencer.

Damascus—Sister Elora Nichols.
Franceway—Bro. S. A. Stewart.
Gedar Grove—Sister M. Melton.

Nebo-Sister S. H. Snyder.

First Church, Hot Springs—Bros. M. E. Burton, W. W. Dunn, Joe Wakeland, J. B. Wood, and Sisters W. F. Housley, O. G. McKinney and Mabel Hardy Smith.

Respectfully submitted.
L. BROWN,
J. M. TARVIN,
L. L. NEWCOMB,

Committee.

# NOMINATIONS

Report adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Nominations submit the following as our report. We recommend that the next session of this Association convene with Fairplay church, and that Eld. A. Tucker preach the introductory sermon, on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October, 1914. Eld. O. C. Robinson alternate. Respectfully submitted.

J. H. RIGSBY,
D. R. MONTGOMERY,
J. S. LEMONS,
Committee.

# PRAYER MEETINGS

Report adopted as follows:

"Prayer is the lever that lifts the arm that moves the worlds," and everything pertaining thereunto. A lack of prayer shows lack of faith. A prayerless member is a faithless member, a prayerless church is a dead church. We view with alarm the lack of family prayer in our homes, and the neglect of the prayer meeting in our churches, and since it is impossible to jump instantly into the relationship of fervent, trustful prayer in the moment of trial, of danger, of sorrow or of calamity, which enter our lives unexpected, and unannounced. We would most earnestly exhort our members to re-establish the old family altar in their homes, and maintain regular prayer meeting services in their churches with their children in attendance as well as the adults. This appearing the more important as we view the rising generation growing up in skepticism, and infidelity, amid all sorts of vice, and allurements, wholly ignorant of God's word, untrained to divine help, and totally unprepared for the unequal conflict with evil. As we value the souls of our dear ones and others, and the honor of our God, let us establish and maintain the "Altar of Prayer" in our homes and churches.

Respectfully submitted.
C. F. J. TATE,
W. H. BETTIS,
H. M. WARFORD,
Committee.

# SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Report as follows read and adopted:

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to report as follows: Your committee believe that our work in the Sunday school is one of the most important duties we have to perform. We are instructed to bring our children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. We believe that the children should be carried and not sent to the Sunday school. We believe that the Sunday school is the teaching service of the church and that the fathers and mothers ought to be taught so that they may know God's will concerning them and their duty towards their children. We believe that the great need of this day in the evangelizing the world is a better knowledge of the Bible. God has said in His word, "If my words abide in you and ve abide in me, ask whatsoever ye will in my name and it shall be given you." The object of the teaching in the Sunday school is that God's word may abide in the mind and heart of the child. We recommend that the Bible be made the book of the Sunday school and that the best Baptist literature be used as a help in teaching and understanding the same. We urge upon the messengers of this Association that they use their best efforts to maintain a live Sunday school in each Baptist church in the Saline Association during the coming year. We urgently recommend a more careful and prayerful study of God's word by each member of the church in the Sunday school and a careful training of the children that they may know God's will and that they may make efficient servants of His.

Respectfully submitted. D. D. GLOVER, R. LUMPKINS, JNO. ASHLEY,

Committee.

### FINANCE

Report adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Finance, ask to submit the following as our report: We have carefully tabulated the amounts sent up by the churches as shown by their letters, and find the following amounts which have been turned over to us by the messengers to be as follows:

| For Minutes\$              | 48.15 |
|----------------------------|-------|
| For Associational Missions | 54.68 |
| For State Missions         | 5.00  |
| For Home Missions          | 11.60 |

| For Foreign Missions | 1.00  |
|----------------------|-------|
| For Orphans' Home    | 28.52 |

Total \_\_\_\_\_\$ 148.95

Respectfully submitted.
J. C. ROSS,
J. G. RICE,
A. C. WHEAT,

Committee.

# WOMAN'S WORK

Report read and adopted:

We heartily recommend that our noble women be given full credit and more encouragement in their work in helping to build up the cause of Christ. We know that our good women are the cause of the greatest per cent of our boys and girls being brought to Christ. There is no prayer that will reach the heart of a wayward boy like the prayer poured out from the heart of his mother. Our noble women are always ready and willing to do their part in church work. We find from the time of Ruth, on to the resurrection of Christ, and on down to the present time that our good women with loving kindness, and a gentle hand, have done much and lasting good.

Respectfully submitted.

JERRY L. MANN,
W. A. FITZHUGH,
W. M. LEE,

Committee.

# ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

# And the Destitution within our Bounds.

We, your Committee on Associational Missions and the Destitution within our Bounds, submit the following as our report: We believe that destitution exists in most all our churches, as well as where there is no church. Our pastors have failed from some cause unknown to us, to indoctrinate the churches on their duties to all Christian giving to the support of the gospel at home, and abroad, therefore they are starving Associational, State, Home and Foreign Missions, and even starving themselves. We therefore recommend that

the pastors be requested to preach at least two sermons a year on the duty of the church to giving for the support of the gospel. We do not think our mission work will ever amount to very much until the churches are educated on this line. As far as we are advised there has been but little if any mission work done in the real destitute part of our Association the last year. We recommend that this body elect a committee of five and give them the power to employ one missionary for as much time as they have means at their command. The missionary to labor in the real destitute parts of our Association, under the direction of said committee.

Respectfully submitted.
W. K. JOHNSON,
B. C. FITZHUGH,
WILLIE BURGESS,

Committee.

The committee recommended in the foregoing report was elected as follows, to-wit: B. C. Fitzhugh, W. K. Johnson, A. C. Files, W. B. Hardage and J. D. Brock.

A motion was now made to elect Eld. C. F. J. Tate as a messenger to attend the Southern Baptist Convention, but as this Association has practically cut loose from any convention, or the cooperating or corresponding with any organizations except the churches and sister associations, objections were raised against electing Bro. Tate, and the motion was withdrawn.

### CHURCH DISCIPLINE

This report read, discussed, and adopted as follows:

In the neglect of our churches to enforce the Apostles injunction to "withdraw from the disorderly" and to "have no fellowship with the ungodly" shame has come upon us, in that there is found in some of our communions members who frequent the dance hall, the card room, the drinking saloon, the brothel, and the devils dens of the deepest dye. They are a reproach unto God, a stench to the church, and a stumbling block to the world. In consequence of the same our churches are languishing, souls are going into the eternal pit, and God's name is daily blasphemed. In loyalty to Christ, and in compliance with his word, we

beg that our churches call to discipline those whose conduct bars the progress of the Kingdom of God.

A. T. MOODY, W. H. MOORE, T. C. SIMS.

Committee.

The foregoing report brought forth some splendid speeches. A. T. Moody, J. A. Verser, and Elders F. C. Sims, S. F. Funk and others spoke highly in favor of the report, and it was adopted without a dissenting vote.

# **TEMPERANCE**

Report read and adopted as follows:

We note with gratitude to Almighty God, the rapid progress of our warfare against the liquor business, and its attendant evils; the wine room, the gambling den, the dance hall, and the bawdy-house. Never has a reform movement swept our country with such wondrous tide as this one. And today numerous of our towns and cities, many of our counties and several of our states have totally rid themselves of the drinking saloon. But since victory only opens the way to conquest we would recommend to our people renewed and more earnest effort in this direction, and more rigid discipline in dealing with members who patronize saloons, and who addict themselves to the use of intoxicating liquors, or in anyway connect themselves with the evil business. We also recommend that our people never loose an opportunity to take a decided stand against this nefarious business.

F. C. SIMS, A. C. FILES, J. N. THORNTON,

Committee.

In discussing the above report Eld. F. C. Sims said, "The lives of hundreds and thousands are being ruined by the whiskey traffic, and let us take a more united stand against it. Where the whiskey traffic is carried on, it stands in the way of good, honest business. Where saloons go out good business comes in. I was at Dermot, Arkansas, this summer holding a meeting, and I noticed several new business buildings going up and I asked what it meant, and they told me that the

whiskey saloons had to close up and go out of business the first of the year, and they were getting ready to take care of the increase in other lines of business that would take the place of the whiskey traffic. Close the saloons and rid the state of the whiskey traffic, and good, honest, legitimate business will build up, and the hundreds of thousands of dollars spent for intoxicating liquor that wrecks manhood, and debauches womanhood, will go into the channels of trade that will make our people more prosperous and happy, and help to advance the cause of Christ.

Eld. C. F. J. Tate, Eld. J. V. Vermillion, A. C. Files and others made strong speeches favoring the report,

and it was unanimously adopted.

# RESOLUTIONS

Offered and adopted.

Resolved that we thank Bro. A. B. Shockley, our clerk, for his kind and efficient service, and that we pay him \$20, and that we instruct him to have as many minutes printed as he may think necessary.

F. C. SIMS.

Resolved that this body sincerely thank the Malvern Second and First Church, and the town, for their kind hospitality extended to us during this session of our Association.

Resolved that we extend to our moderator, Eld. O. C. Robinson, our thanks for his impartial manner

in presiding over this body.

L. L. NEWCOMB.

Your clerk had secured a photographer to take the picture of the messengers and church house, and had hi mpresent at 4:30 p. m., but owing to so much business coming before us on the wind-up we were not ready to adjourn until after 5:00 p. m., and then in order to get the picture we adjourned in short order, but the photographer had just gone leaving word that it was too late in the evening to make a good picture. I sincerely believe that if we had a picture of the messengers of each session of our Association in our minutes it would add much to their value, from the fact they would be more highly prized, and more carefully preserved by many who now give them but little thought or attention. How greatly we would prize and value a minute of our Association showing a group

picture of the messengers back in pioneer days. have one minute in our file that was printed in 1852. The Association met with Spring Hill church in Jefferson county, and if the minute contained a picture of the messengers at that time, we certainly would value it more highly on that account. Attending that meeting from Dallas county was J. T. Craig, W. B. Parker, L. T. Shepherd, E. W. Russell, J. J. Curlin, W. Daniel, T. Evans, E. M. Harris, D. C. Hall, W. H. Wyatte; from Bradley county J. C. Whorten, W. White, D. D. Tucker; from Saline county J. Y. Lindsev, W. R. Hicks, T. Terry, J. Hesson, J. F. Jolley, S. Dorn, S. Douthet, H. Colbert, L. Dodd, J. Reeves, A, Sawyer, J. Veazey, S. Lockheart, J. Lowe, A. Bagley, A. Bolt, J. Barrow, S. Chennault; from Jefferson county S. J. Appling, J. Williams, G. Taylor; from Calhoun county J. Gardner, T. Brawner, W. Wiginton; from Hot Spring county W. J. Neighbors, A. H. Cain, W. Cain, B. J. Sandford, C. Elliott, W. J. Clift, W. L. Brumbelow, T. H. Parker, B. Nobles; from Pulaski county E. N. Chennault, I. Smith, A. G. Hutchingson. In order to be brief I have only named the counties and left off names of churches. We have a file of minutes that belong to the Association. and it is intrusted to the care of the clerk, but it is not complete. The oldest minute we have in this file is the one I have just referred to, printed in 1852; but Eld. E. J. A. McKinney, of Little Rock, has one printed in 1848, and he has promised to let us have it, but with the exception of this one we have no copy of the minutes from 1836 to 1852. We also lack minutes for the following years: 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867. You see we haven't a copy of the minutes on file for the first sixteen years of our Association, and but two copies for the next fifteen years. They are of 1860 and 1868. earnestly request all who can do so to assist me in supplying our file with as many of those missing copies as can be found. The Association has held regular annual sessions every year except two or three years during the war, and I feel that there is yet in existence somewhere copies of minutes for some of the years I have mentioned, so if any one can find one or more send them to me and I will return amount of postage paid.

ELD. O. C. ROBINSON, Moderator. A. B. SHOCKLEY, Clerk.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

For the year ending October 2, 1913.
RECEIPTS

1912

1913

Clerk's salary \_\_\_\_\_

| Oct. 7 From Finance Committee                      |          |   |       |  |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------|---|-------|--|
| Oct. 7 For Associational Missions                  | \$ 58.34 |   |       |  |
| Oct. 7 For State Associational Missions            |          |   |       |  |
| Oct. 7 For Foreign Missions                        | 55       |   |       |  |
| Oct. 7 For Orphans' Home                           |          |   |       |  |
| Oct. 7 For Minutes and Clerk                       | 45.21    |   | -     |  |
| Oct. 7 Public collection State Missions            | 15.07    |   |       |  |
| Oct. 18 Pleasant Hill Ch. Assoc'l Missions         | 5.00     |   |       |  |
| Nov. 22 Hot Springs 2nd Church for Minutes         | . 1.00   |   | î     |  |
| Nov. 24 Ten Mile Church Assoc'l Missions           | 7.40     |   |       |  |
| 1913                                               |          |   |       |  |
| Mar. 28 Oak Grove Ch. Assoc'l Missions             | 2.50     |   |       |  |
| Balance from last year                             | 3.71     |   |       |  |
|                                                    |          |   |       |  |
|                                                    | \$156.18 |   |       |  |
| Amount yet due clerk to balance                    | 7.49     |   | 4     |  |
|                                                    |          |   |       |  |
|                                                    | \$163.67 |   |       |  |
| 1912 DISBURSEMENTS                                 |          |   |       |  |
| By amount paid                                     |          |   |       |  |
| Oct. 7 Eld. C. C. Warnock, Missionary              |          | S | 62.05 |  |
| Oct. 29 Eld. C. C. Warnock, Missionary             |          |   | 5.00  |  |
| Nov. 20 O. Echols, Fort Smith, State Missions      |          |   | 18.07 |  |
| Nov. 20 Eld. J. W. Sims, Marvel, Ark. Orphans' H   |          |   | 14.40 |  |
| Nov. 20 Eld. J. A. Scarboro, Magnolia, Foreign Mis |          |   | .55   |  |
| Nov. 25 Eld. C. C. Warnock, Missionary             | 2        |   | 7.40  |  |
| Dec. 10 L. B. White, printing and mailing minutes  |          |   | 33.00 |  |

\$163.67 \$163.67

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# Fraternally submitted,

June 8 Eld. C. C. Warnock, Missionary

Postage and mailing out checks and blank letters

A. B. SHOCKLEY, Treasurer.

NOTE: It will be seen by referring to the treasurer's report that the minute fund last year was short \$7.49 and it will be about \$12.50 this year making a total shortage of about \$20.00 for the two years. In 1911 when Bro. Newcomb was clerk this fund was short \$15.25 and the messengers paid it when the treasurer's report was adopted, but this year the matter of settling the \$7.49 shortage was overlooked. In 1911 the minutes cost Bro. Newcomb for printing, postage and clerk's salary \$62.00. In 1912 it cost me \$8.30 less by leaving out the constitution, abstract of faith, and rules of decorum, but some kick was made, so this year I will put it all in and trust to the churches to make up the shortage. Figure it up brethren and you will see I am right. Your Clerk.

### SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

At 7:30 Eld. O. C. Robinson preached an interesting sermon at the First Church. Text, Gal. 6:14. And at the same hour Eld. J. V. Vermillion preached on the subject of "Gratitude" at the Second Church. Good congregations attending both services.

### SUNDAY SERVICE

At 10:00 a. m. both churches had Sunday school, and at 11:00 a. m. Eld. C. F. J. Tate delivered an able discourse to a large congregation at the First Church, and at the same hour Eld. O. C. Robinson preached a good sermon to a large congregation at the Second Church. Text, 1 Cor. 15:49. "And as we have borne the image of the earthly, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly."

# MEMORIAL TO OUR DEAD

# Martin K. Evans

Was born in Alabama April 24th, 1837. Died, April 25th, 1913. Age seventy-six years and one day. He joined the M. E. Church South, in his early youth, and lived a consistent member until he was seventy years of age, when he joined Smith Creek Baptist Church, and lived a faithful member, and devoted christian until his death.

# Mrs. S. H. Snyder

In the death of Sister Snyder Nebo Church feels that she has lost one of her very best and most active members. She was a very consecrated christian and earnest worker for the support of orphan children. She also did all she could for the support of missions.

### Mrs. Nettie Cornell

Sister Cornell was a faithful member of Lono Church. She lived a devoted christian, and was active in church work until she became sorely afflicted about twelve months before she died, but she hore her afflctions patiently to the end.

# ORDAINED MINISTERS

| Churches and Ministers                | Postoffice  | County     |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Big Creek-J. L. Byrd                  | Poven       | Grant      |
| Bismark-W. T. Hardage                 |             |            |
| Bismark-S. W. Allen                   |             | Hot Spring |
| Bellview-O. C. Robinson               |             |            |
| Hickory Grove-J. N. Thornton          |             |            |
| Landmark-Ashley Wood                  |             | Hot Spring |
| Lonsdale—Alex Tucker                  |             | Garland    |
| Malvern, Fist Church-F. C. Sims, J.   |             |            |
| M. Clem, A. P. Marret                 | Malvern     | Hot Spring |
| Midway-R. F. Russell                  | Donaldson   | Hot Spring |
| North Fork-R. B. Hunt                 | Paron       | Saline     |
| Oak Grove-O. M. Burnette              | Social Hill | Hot Spring |
| Ouachita-N. D. Jones                  | Donaldson   | Hot Spring |
| Red Oak-W. T. Hardage                 | Bismark     | Hot Spring |
| Smith Creek-W. M. Cain                |             |            |
| Sulphur Springs-W. B. White           | Sanders     | Hot Spring |
| Sulphur Springs-G. W. Rookard         |             |            |
| Sulphur Springs-Henry Ross            | Magnet      | Hot Spring |
| Taylor's Chapel-J. J. Thompson        |             |            |
| Ten Mile—S. F. Funk                   | Slocomb     | Saline     |
| Unity—Joseph Taylor                   |             |            |
| Deroche-J. W. Harden, J. W. Holt      |             |            |
| Happy Home-J. W. Burks                | Duffie      | Hot Spring |
| Fairplay-J. T. Kelley, J. L. Waldroup |             | Saline     |
| *Hot Springs, Second Church-G. W.     |             |            |
| McCarty, N. H. Harley                 |             |            |
| *Union—C. C. Warnock                  | Bland       | Saline     |
|                                       |             |            |

# LICENSED MINISTERS

| Big Creek-Bud Robinson                     | Malvern =    | Hot Spring |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Bellview-O. D. Robinson                    | Owensville _ | Saline     |
| Landmark-W. E. Carver                      | Malvern      | Hot Spring |
| Oak Grove-H. C. Cooper                     | Hot Springs  | Garland    |
| Ouachita-J. A. Marsh                       | Donaldson _  | Hot Spring |
| Reyburn Creek-M. G. Wade                   | Reyburn      | Hot Spring |
| Saline—J. A. Moore<br>Ten Mile—Bowers Funk | Haskell      | Saline     |
| Ten Mile-Bowers Funk                       | Slocomb      | Saline     |
| Fairplay-Fred Langley                      | Traskwood    | Saline     |
|                                            |              |            |

<sup>\*</sup>Listed from last year's report.

# PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES

| Churches          | Pastors        | Clerks                       | Postoffice        | County     |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
|                   |                |                              |                   |            |
| Antioch           | J. S. Ragsdale | B. F. Vaughn                 | Blocher           | Saline     |
| Big Creek         | W. D. Dougan   | A. C. Wheat                  | Malvern, R. 1     | Hot Spring |
| Bismark           | S. W. Allen    | G. R. Diffie                 | Bismark           | Hot Spring |
| Bellview          | O. C. Robinson | G. R. Diffie<br>Will Burgess | Owensville        | Saline     |
| Brush Creek       | A. F. Lamb     | W. F. Brashears              | Leola             | Hot Spring |
| Canev             | S. W. Allen    | J. R. Bray                   | Duffie            | Hot Spring |
| Center Hill       | O. C. Robinson | R. M. Zeigler                | Whittington       | Saline     |
| Corinth           | Geo. F. Rowe   | J. C. Fulton                 | Hot Springs       | Garland    |
| Damascus          | A. F. Lamb     | W. A. Fitzhugh               | Malvern           | Hot Spring |
|                   |                | M. A. Montgomer.             |                   |            |
| Fairplay          | O C Robinson   | Robert Johnson               | Slocomb R 1       | Saline     |
| Francoway         | Ashley Wood    | R. E. Clardy                 | Malvern           | Hot Spring |
| Friendship        | A F Lamb       | J. A. Lewis                  | Friendshin        | Hot Spring |
| Fougholuko        | I W Dunka      | J. J. Thomas                 | Hot Springs D 1   | Carland    |
| Hanny Homo        | I W Barks      | Oliver Ashley                | Sandare           | Hot Spring |
| Hickory Crove     | W. T. Hordore  | E. W. Thornton               | Derocho           | Hot Spring |
| Hot Springs 1 Ch. | w. I. naruage  | L. W. I HOLH COH             | Hot Springs       |            |
|                   |                | Carl Benson                  |                   |            |
| Landmark          | 4 TH T         | Carl Benson                  | Tana              | Hot Spring |
|                   |                | C. F. Walters                | Molson            | Hot Spring |
| Lonsdale          |                | W. H. Kichardson             | Malvern           | Garland    |
| Magnet Cove       | N. D. Jones    | W. M. Adkins<br>W. K. Smith  | Lonsdale          | Hot Spring |
| Malvern, 1st Ch.  |                | W. K. Smith                  | Magnet            | Hot Spring |
| Midway            | W. E. Sherill  | C. M. Hughes                 | Carroll           | Hot Spring |
| Mt. Harmony       | J. W. Burks    | G. W. Bettis                 | Lorton            | Hot Spring |
| Nebo              | Joe Taylor     | J. L. Curtis                 | Brazils           | Saline     |
| New Hope No. 2    | T. W. Thornton | L. C. Thomas                 | Hot Springs, R. 2 | Garland    |
| North Fork        | C. C. Warnock  | W. A. Fowler                 | Paron             | Saline     |
|                   |                | J. M. Tarvin                 | Social Hill       | Hot Spring |
| Ouachita          |                | C. F. Berry                  | Donaldson         | Hot Spring |
| Pleasant Hill     | A. F. Lamb     | Leon Johnson                 | Chase             | Hot Spring |
| Pleasant Valley   | Jim Kellev     | W. F. Retherford             | Magnet            | Hot Spring |
| Red Oak           | W. T. Hardage  | Garland Walker               | Hot Springs, R. 1 | Garland    |
| Revburn Creek     | S. F. Funk     | J. A. McDougal               | Reyburn           | Hot Spring |
| Saline            | J. T. Kelley   | Fred Newcomb                 | Haskell           | Saline     |
| Smith Creek       | W. M. Cain     | E. L. Grant                  | Slocomb, R. 1     | Saline     |
| Sulphur Springs   | H W Perkins    | C. C. Mitchell               | Lawrence          | Garland    |
| Taylor's Chapel   | J. M. Clem     | W. A. Bledsoe                | Malvern           | Hot Spring |
| Ten Mile          | O. C. Robinson | S. A. Williams               | Slocomb, R. 1     | Saline     |
| Traskwood         | W. A. Winston  | Silas Hill                   | Traskwood         | Saline     |
| Unity             | Joe Taylor     | T. E. Nethercutt             | Brazils           | Saline     |
| Valley            | A. S. Suggs    | J. L. King                   | Beaton            | Garland    |
| *Cedar Grove      |                | Toney Beaty                  | Alum              | Saline     |
| *Center View      |                | W. M. Terry                  | Lonsdale          | Garland    |
| *Gravel Hill      |                |                              |                   | Saline     |
| *Hot Springs 2 Ch |                |                              | Hot Springs       | Garland    |
| *Kentucky         |                | W. W. Shillito               | Benton            | Saline     |
| *Mt. Pleasant     |                | A. C. Jacobs                 | Reform            | Garland    |
| *New Hope No. 1   |                | J. D. Rucker                 | Lono              | Hot Spring |
| *Providence       |                | Lon A Scalley                | Haskell           | Saline     |
| *Salem            |                | C G Greenway                 | Blocher           | Saline     |
| *Union            |                | I M Parker                   | Bland             | Saline     |
| *Bluff Springs    |                | o. Mr. 1 ar act              | Traskwood         | Saline     |
| *Park Avenue      |                | Ira Ross                     | Hot Springs       |            |
| TWILL TITOTHO     | s.l            | 10000                        | Troe obtings      | Cariana    |
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# SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

| Churches             | Superintendent   | Secretary        | Postoffice        | Number of Pupils | Cost of Literature |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Big Creek            | G. L. Rohinson   | R. L. Burrow     | Malvern, R. 1     | 61               | \$ 1.00            |
|                      | A. S. Rhodes     |                  |                   |                  |                    |
| Caney                | Alford Spurlin   | J. H. Bray       | Duffie            | 59               | 3.30               |
| Center Hill          | C. P. Cain       | Samuel Ford      | Whittington       | 24               |                    |
| Corinth              | L. R. Henderson  | Della Smith      | Hot Springs       | 120              | 26.37              |
| Damascus             | Albert Paul      | Reb. Scoggins    | Malvern           | 25               | 3.00               |
| Deroche              | L. L. Neighbors  | W. L. Whitworth  | Duffie            | 35               | 3.50               |
| Friendship           | G. W. Benson     | Jennie Tisdale   | Friendship        | 65               | 15.00              |
| Hickory Grove        | E. W. Thornton   | Hattie Moore     | Deroche           | 63               | 2.75               |
| Landmark             | Chas. Nusko      | Carl Benson      | Malvern           | 110              | 19.17              |
| Lono                 | C. F. Walters    | Rosa Baker       | Lono              | 70               | 6.50               |
| Lonsdale             | W. H. Richardson | Clara Bowen      | Lonsdale          | 65               | 15.00              |
| Magnet Cove          | H. M. Verser     | Ida York         | Magnet            | 75               |                    |
| Malvern, 1st Ch.     | R. E. Snow       | J. C. Caldwell   | Malvern           | 300              | 100.00             |
| Midway               | J. M. Orr        | J. M. Montgomery | Carroll           | 75               |                    |
|                      | C. Hodges        |                  |                   |                  |                    |
| New Hope No. 2       | J. D. Robbins    | Mary Lawson      | Hot Springs, R. 2 | 50               | 6.00               |
|                      | M. A. Fowler     |                  |                   | 39               |                    |
| Oak Grove            | L. Deal          | Myrtle Scott     |                   |                  |                    |
| Pleasant Hill        | W. C. Kline      | Callie Norwood   | Chase             |                  |                    |
| Pleasant Valley      | W. T. Retherford | Mamie Dean       | Magnet            | 51               |                    |
|                      | Garland Walker   |                  |                   |                  |                    |
| Reyburn Creek        | J. A. McDougal   | B. C. Otts       | Reyburn           | 64               |                    |
| Smith Creek          | H. M. Warford    | Lee Rigsby       | Lonsdale          | 40               |                    |
| Sulphur Springs      | Chas. Allison    | Ida Trussell     | Lawrence          | 40               |                    |
| Taylor's Chapel      | J. J. Thompson   | Pearl Bledsoe    | Elmore            | 20               | 1.25               |
| Ten Mile             | W. N. Hendrix    | Effie Warford    | Slocomb           | 25               | 200                |
|                      | L. Brown         |                  | Traskwood         |                  | 15.00              |
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Traskwood \_\_\_\_\_ Hot Springs 1st Ch. \_\_\_

Hot Springs

# RULES OF DECORUM.

- 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
- 2. A moderator and a clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.
- 3. The moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have a right to call to order at any time.
- 4. A member not satisfied with his decision may appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.
- 5. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise on his feet, and, obtaining permission, proceed.
- 6. The moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person, or otherwise.
- 7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or uses words of personal reflection. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of this Association unless withdrawn by him that made it.
- 8. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another be offered.
- 9. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for debate, the moderator shall take the voice of the Association on the subject, and the members on the affirmative of the question shall signify the same by rising from their seats, and those in the negative retain theirs.
- 10. The moderator shall pronounce the decision before the standers resume their seats.
- 11. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the moderator.
- 12. No person shall speak more than twice on the same proposition without permission of the Association, nor more han once till every member wishing to speak shall have done so; nor shall any proposition be made to close the subject till the debates have been carried through.

- 13. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in the Association by members in their address to one another.
- 14. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.
- 15. The names of members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.
- 16. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another to his seat during the time, but shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.
- 17. Any member violating the rules may be reproved by the moderator at discretion, but only on the day the breach shall be made.

# ABSTRACT OF FAITH

- Article 1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost. Ist John, 5th chapter, and 7th verse. John 1st, 1st chapter, 2nd and 3d verses. Ist Timothy, 3d chapter, and 16th verse.
- Article 2. We believe that the Scriptures comprising the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. 2nd Timothy, 3d chapter, 15th and 16th verses. 2nd Peter, 1st chapter, and 2nd verse. Rom., 15th chapter, and 4th verse.
- Article 3. We believe in the doctrine of election, according as God has chosen us in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should by holy and without blame before Him in love, in whom ye also trusted, often that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also after ye believed ye were sealed with that holy spirit of promise. Eph., 1st chapter, 4th and 13th verses. 1st Peter, 1st chapter, and 2d verse. 1st Thess., 2d chapter, 13th and 14th verses.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam. Gen., 3d chapter, 6th and 7th verses. Psalms, 5th and 6th verses. Rom., 5th chapter, 12th and 14th verses.

Article 5. We believe in man's incapacity, by his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the fallen state which he is in by nature. Isaiah, 1st chapter, 5th and 6th verses. John, 6th chapter, 44th verse. Eph., 2d chapter, and 1st verse.

Article 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ only. Jer., 23d chapter, and 6th verse. Rom., 4th chapter, and 22d verse. 1st Cor., 1st chapter, and 30th verse.

Article 7. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace, and never fall finally away. Psalm 89th, 23d and 31st verses. Heb., 8th chapter, 10th and 12th verses. John, 10th chapter, and 28th verse.

Article 8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that the true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and that by immersion is the Apostolic mode. Mark, 16th chapter, 15th and 16th verses. Acts, 2d chapter, 41st and 42d verses. Rom, 6th chapter, 3d, 4th, 6th and 7th verses. Mat., 28th chapter, 19th and 20th verses. 1st Cor., 11th chapter, 23d and 26th verses.

Article 9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and in a general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal. John, 5th chapter, 28th and 29th verses. 1st Cor., 15th chapter, 22d and 25th verses. Rev., 20th chapter, 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th verses.

Article 10. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the gospel but to one who is regularly baptized, called, and comes under the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery. Mat., 28th chapter, 19th and 20th verses. 1st Tim., 4th chapter, and 14th verse. Titus, 5th chapter, and 10th verse.

Article 11. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table. Acts, 2d chapter, 41st and 47th verses, chapter 18th, 8th and 11th verses. 1st Cor., 11th chapter, 23d and 24th verses.

Article 12. We helieve that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion. Ex., 20th chapter, and 8th verse. Acts, 20th chapter, and 7th verse. Rev., 1st chapter, and 10th verse.

# CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This union of churches shall he known and distinguished by the name and title of the "Saline Baptist Association."

Article 2. This Association shall be composed of messengers from churches in nnion, Each church shall be entitled to three (3) messengers, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their several churches before they take their seats.

Article 3. The messengers, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by the appointment of a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual Association, and shall continue in office until their successors are chosen.

Article 4. The Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed. It shall regard them as independent bodies in all matters of internal government, and shall act only as an advisory council, assuming no authority, except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or evidently implied by the very nature of the compact. It nevertheless claims authority over its members—the messengers from the churches—and in propriety must have power to withdraw from and disown all churches which depart from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice. It should therefore regard all churches united under this constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Its principal business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God by extending the kingdom of grace on earth, through the medium of preaching the Gospel, and the means in accordance with the Gospel, and to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, especially with those united in this constitulion.

Article 5. Newly constituted churches or churches dismissed from other Associations of the same faith and order may be admitted into this union on their sending three messengers to the annual meeting of the Association, with a petition for admission, and by their messengers agreeing to the abstract of principles herewith published.

Article 6. The churches in this union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association a written communication, specifying the names of their messengers, their number in fellowship, number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored or deceased since the last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minutes accordingly.

Article 7. This Association may have a fund supplied by the voluntary contribution of the churches, and all the money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the Committee on Finance to the treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall retain and manage the funds agreeably to the order of the Association, and shall present annually, for insertion in the minutes, a clear and sufficient statement of all the receipts and expenditures.

Article 8. This Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

Article 9. This Association shall take cognizance of no query sent np from the churches, unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed, nor of any difficulty between churches, unless they have pursued the directions in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew and have not been able to settle them. Then the Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its discretion.

Article 10. It shall be the duty of the clerk of this Association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of every session of this body, and to deliver over the same to his successor in office.

Article 11. This constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of the Association by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members then present; provided, such alteration or amendment be approved of by the churches comprising this Association.

# TABLE OF STATISTICS

| The second second               |          | Age To the    |             |          |        | 11/1/11   |       |          |          |          |            |                   |                 |               | 1             |            | 44                  |                          |                     |   |   |       |
|---------------------------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|--------|-----------|-------|----------|----------|----------|------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---|---|-------|
|                                 | Increase |               |             | Decrease |        | Decrease  |       |          | Decrease |          |            | N                 | H               | 7             | 70            | A          | 0                   | н                        | В                   | 7 | T | Value |
|                                 |          |               |             |          | -      |           | -     |          | Males    | Females  | Total      | Sunday            | Associational   | Orphans'      | Pastor's      | Incidental | For                 | Total                    |                     |   |   |       |
| 200                             |          |               |             |          |        |           |       |          | es       | lal      | al         | da                | oci             | hai           | TOT           | de         | Minutes             |                          | Of.                 |   |   |       |
|                                 | Ву       | Ву            | Ву          | Total    | Ву     | Ву        | Ву    | Total    | 31-31    | es       | Membership |                   | ati             | ns,           |               | nte        | ini                 | Contributions            | Church              |   |   |       |
| Churches                        | l me     |               |             | ta       |        | H         | D     | ta       |          |          | m          | of                | OI              | H             | S             | =          | ıte                 | nt                       | iii                 |   |   |       |
| Cumches                         | Baptism  | Letter        | Restoration |          | Letter | Exclusion | Death |          | 11-11    |          | be         | Meetin            | ıal             | Home          | Salary        | and        | 50                  | Tib                      | rc]                 |   |   |       |
|                                 | pti      | te            | to          | ne       | tei    | lu        | th    | )ei      |          |          | IS         | eer               |                 | пе            | ry            |            |                     | but                      |                     |   |   |       |
|                                 | IIIS     |               | ra          | rea      |        | sic       |       | ere      |          |          | hij        | tin               | lis             |               |               | Re         |                     | io                       | )Tr                 |   |   |       |
|                                 |          | 1             | io          | Increase |        | B         |       | Decrease |          |          |            | 0.3               | Sic             | Sec. 21 3     |               | pa         |                     | ns                       | Proper              |   |   |       |
|                                 |          |               | В           |          |        |           |       | 0        |          |          |            |                   | Missions        |               |               | Repairs    |                     |                          | rty                 |   |   |       |
|                                 |          |               |             |          | 01     |           |       |          | 101      | 20       |            |                   | 100             | l da          | 0 99 00       | 1          | 0 1 00              | 0 00 50                  |                     |   |   |       |
| Antioch                         | 4        | $\frac{1}{2}$ |             | 5 3      | 2      | 7         |       | 2<br>7   | 12<br>44 | 29<br>63 |            | First             | \$ 2.50<br>5.00 |               | \$ 33.00      | 13.40      |                     | Mark Salution (Salution) | \$ 400.00<br>400.00 |   |   |       |
| Big Creek                       | 1 2      | 4             | 1           |          | 3      | i         |       | 4        | 27       | 45       |            | First             | 4.00            |               | 80.00         |            | 1.15                |                          |                     |   |   |       |
| Bell ViewBismark                | 6        | 161           |             | 6        |        | 3         |       | 3        | 19       | 26       | 45         |                   | 2.00            | 3.00          |               |            | 1.35                |                          | 250.00              |   |   |       |
| Brush Creek                     |          | 5             |             | 5        | 3      |           | 1     | 4        | 17       | 35       |            | Third _           | 3.00            |               | 40.00         |            | .75                 | 45.75                    | 700.00              |   |   |       |
| Caney                           | - 10     | 3             |             | 3        | 3      | 3         | 2     | 8        | 20       | 29       | 49         | First             |                 | 2.80          |               | 30.00      | 1.00                |                          |                     |   |   |       |
| Center Hill                     | b        | 3             | 1           | 9        | -      | -         |       | 0        | 17       | 25       |            | Second            | 5.00            |               | 52.00         |            | 1.00                |                          |                     |   |   |       |
| Corinth                         | 6        | 1             |             | 7        | 7 4    | 1         | 1     | 8 5      | 28<br>25 | 52<br>41 |            | Third -<br>Fourth | 5.00            | 10.35<br>8.50 |               | 119.40     | 1.50<br>1.50        |                          |                     |   |   |       |
| Damascus                        |          |               |             |          | 1      | 4         | -     | 1        | 53       | 67       |            | Fourth            | 5.00            | 0.50          | 10.00         |            | 1.50                |                          |                     |   |   |       |
| Deroche                         | 14       | 4             | 2           | 20       | 6      | 12        | 1     | 19       | 103      | 106      |            | Third -           | 110             | 5.00          |               |            | 1.75                |                          | 800.00              |   |   |       |
| Franceway                       |          |               |             |          |        | 1         | 1     | 2        |          |          |            | Third _           | 1.25            |               | 27.00         |            | 1.50                |                          | 500.00              |   |   |       |
| Friendship                      | 4        | 7             | 2           |          | 9      |           | 1     | 10       | 36       | 55       | 91         | Third _           | 144             | 10.00         |               |            | 2.00                |                          |                     |   |   |       |
| Foucheluke                      |          | 2             |             | 2        |        | 0         | 1     | 1        | 16       | 27       | 43         | Fourth            | 100             | 1,10          | 22.10         | 3.00       | 1.00                |                          | 600.00              |   |   |       |
| Happy Home                      |          | 1             | 4           | 1        | 0      | 6         | 1     | 6        | 13<br>23 | 22<br>45 | 35         | First             | 100             | 1.90          |               |            | 1.00                |                          | . 200 00            |   |   |       |
| Hickory Grove                   | 2        | 9             | 1           | 11       | 2      | 4         | 1     |          | 46       | 60       | 106        | Second            |                 | 35.67         | 190.00        | 91.70      | $\frac{1.10}{2.00}$ |                          | 300.00<br>1500.00   |   |   |       |
| Landmark<br>Lono                | 7        | 1             |             | 8        |        |           | 1     | 1        | 20       | 57       |            | Fourth            |                 | 55.01         | 40.00         |            | 1.00                |                          | 600.00              |   |   |       |
| Lonsdale                        | 8        | 1             | 1           | 9        | 1      |           |       | 1        | 34       | 45       | 79         | Second            | 6               | 0             |               | 15.00      | 2.00                |                          |                     |   |   |       |
| Magnet Cove                     | 9        |               |             | 9        | 1      |           |       | 1        | 38       | 51       | 89         | Second            | No. of Street   | 1             | 43.50         |            | 1.10                |                          |                     |   |   |       |
| Malvern 1st Ch.                 |          | 27            | *           | 32       | 7      | 3         |       | 10       |          |          | 376        | Every             | 50.00           | 76.00         | 1200.00       |            |                     |                          | 15000.00            |   |   |       |
| Midway                          | 6        | 6             |             | 12       | 10     | 6         |       | 16       | 10       | 4.41     | 121        | Second            | 1.70            |               | 100.00        |            | 1.10                |                          |                     |   |   |       |
| Mount Harmony                   | 0        | 2             | 1           | 3 2      | 2 1    | 3         | 1     | 5        | 19       | 44       | 42         | Second Third      | 0 ==            | 1.05          | 16.00         |            | 1.00                |                          | 200.00              |   |   |       |
| New Hope No. 2                  | 8        | 1             |             | 9        | 1      |           | 1     | 1        | 8        | 18       | 26         | 1st, 3rd          | 3.55<br>2.50    |               | 20.00         |            | .75<br>.45          |                          | 400.00              |   |   |       |
| North Fork                      | 1        | 1             |             | ĭ        | 9      | 1         | ī     | 11       | 27       | 21       | 48         | Fourth            | 10.00           |               |               |            | .50                 |                          | 400.00              |   |   |       |
| Oak Grove                       | 23       | 3             |             | 26       | 5      |           |       | 5        | 24       | 37       | 61         | Fourth .          |                 | 3.60          | 50.00         |            | 1.50                |                          |                     |   |   |       |
| Ouachita                        | -        | 3             | 1           | 4        |        | 6         | 1     | 7        | 30       | 66       |            | Fourth            |                 | 3.17          | 76.70         |            | 1.50                |                          | 600.00              |   |   |       |
| Pleasant Hill                   | 5        | 6             |             | 11       | 2      | 1         | 1     | 4        | 0        | 10       | 137        | Second            | 5.00            |               | 60.00         |            | 1.75                |                          | 500.00              |   |   |       |
| Pleasant Valley                 | 6        | 2             |             | 8        | 2      | 2         |       | 4        | 6        | 16<br>12 | 23         | Third _<br>First  |                 | 1 00          | 10.50         |            | .65                 |                          | 400.00              |   |   |       |
| Red Oak<br>Reyburn Creek        | 0        | 4             | 7           | 0        | 3      | 6         | 2     | 11       | 39       | 58       | 97         | First             | 1.57            | 1.75          | 19.50<br>9.80 |            | .50<br>1.50         |                          | 150.00<br>500.00    |   |   |       |
| Saline                          |          | -1            |             | 1        | 1      | 6         | _     | 7        | 16       | 33       |            | Fourth            | 6.66            |               |               | 50.00      | 1.00                |                          | 600.00              |   |   |       |
| Smith Creek                     | 9        |               |             | 9        |        |           | 1     | 1        | 13       | 17       |            | Third _           | 5.00            |               |               |            | 1.00                |                          | 300.00              |   |   |       |
| Sulphur Springs                 | 7        | 4             | 1           | 12       | 4      |           | 1     | 5        | 22       | 70       |            | Third _           |                 |               |               | 500.00     | 1.50                | 551.50                   | 500.00              |   |   |       |
| Taylor's Chapel                 |          |               |             |          | 2      |           |       | 2        | 20       | 20<br>59 |            | First<br>Fourth   | 0.00            | 0 *0          |               | 27.00      | .75                 |                          |                     |   |   |       |
| Ten Mile                        | 3        | 3 4           | 3           | 9 5      | 1 4    | 17        | 4     | 21       | 36<br>21 | 39       |            | Third             | 8.80            |               |               |            | 1.00                |                          | 400.00              |   |   |       |
| Unity                           | 2        | 1             | 1           | 4        | 1      | 14        | 1     | 21       | 23       | 30       |            | First             | 2.00            | 10.00         | 100.00        | 210.00     | 1.15                |                          | 1000.00             |   |   |       |
| Valley                          | ~        |               |             | -        |        |           |       | _        | 17       | 18       |            | Fourth            | 1.00            |               |               |            | 1.00                |                          |                     |   |   |       |
|                                 |          |               |             | -        | -      |           |       | -        | 923      | 1438     | -          | -                 |                 |               | -             |            | 48.60               |                          |                     |   |   |       |
| *Cedar Grove                    | 6        | 1             |             | 7        |        |           |       |          | 1        |          | 43         | Second            | 10.00           | .50           | 36.00         |            | 1.30                |                          |                     |   |   |       |
| *Center View                    |          |               |             |          |        | 1         |       |          |          | -        | 12         | Fourth            |                 |               | 12.00         |            | .50                 | 12.50                    |                     |   |   |       |
| *Gravel Hill*Hot Springs 2nd Ch | 3        | 2 8           |             | 5        | 4.     |           | 1     | 1        |          |          | 101        | Fourth<br>Every   | 5.00            |               | 10.00         |            | 1.00                |                          | 300.00              |   |   |       |
| rentucky                        | 1        | 8             | 1           | 18       | 15     | 1         | 1     | 16       |          |          | 54         | Second            | 7.40            | 40.00         | 1100.00       |            |                     | 1510.00                  |                     |   |   |       |
| MIL. Pleasant                   |          |               | 1111        |          |        |           |       | 1        | 1 -      |          | 11         | Josephu           | 3.55            |               | 4.20          |            | .75                 |                          |                     |   |   |       |
| New Hone No 1                   | 9        |               | 1           | 10       |        | 1         |       | 1        |          |          | 41         |                   | 0.00            | -             |               | 100        | .50                 |                          |                     |   |   |       |
| *G-lovidence                    |          | 3             | 2           | 5        | 4      | 3         |       | 7        |          |          | 35         | First             | 5.00            |               | 28.90         |            | .65                 |                          |                     |   |   |       |
| *TT-                            | 6        |               |             | 6        | 3      |           |       | 3        |          | - 1      | 18         | Third -           | 5.00            | 1.00          |               |            | .75                 | 6.75                     | 300.00              |   |   |       |
| Union                           |          |               | 0           |          |        |           | 2     | 2        |          |          |            | Third _           | 5.00            |               | 60.00         |            | 1.00                | 66.00                    |                     |   |   |       |
|                                 |          |               |             |          |        |           | 4     |          |          |          | 2993       | 1                 | 64.48 2         | 237.00 4      | 175.20 1      | 823.05     | -                   | 5183.27                  | 45550.00            |   |   |       |
|                                 |          |               |             |          |        |           |       |          |          |          |            |                   | -               |               |               | -          |                     |                          |                     |   |   |       |

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